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Waste Management
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantum of waste and solid waste generation has increased in the cities of the country and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether most of the Indian cities do not possess any waste management system and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether according to experts, India is following a flawed system of waste disposal and management and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(d) whether the Government is considering to reinvent waste management and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a): As per Annual Reports submitted by State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs) /Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) till December 2016, the quantity of solid waste generation is estimated to be about 1.43 lakh tons per day in the year 2015-16. There has been increase in quantum of waste generation in cities of the country with the increase of population.

(b): The Municipal Solid Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000 vest the responsibility of sanitation and waste management with municipal authorities. However, inadequacy in implementation of these Rules has been noticed on account of growing urban population, unplanned civic infrastructure, weak financial base and enforcement mechanism in most of the municipal authorities.

(c) &(d): The regime for management and disposal of solid waste is currently governed by the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016, which have been evolved in 2016 after consultation with stakeholders. The new Rules provide ways and means of setting up self sustainable solid waste management system by the local bodies. The generators of waste have been mandated to segregate waste at source. The local bodies are required to collect segregated waste and channelize it to waste processing facilities for recycling, recovery and reuse.

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